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WASHINGTON, July 26, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 21 totaled 347,296, up 7.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 5.8 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 8.6 percent in the East and 6.9 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 20,371 cars (18.2 percent). A large part of that increase is due to the fact that many coal miners were striking at this time last year. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,311 cars (18.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 29 weeks of 1990 totaled 9,789,469, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 118,719 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 21, up 4.7 percent from the corresponding 1989 week.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of 1990 was 3,363,733 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 21 totaled 20.7 billion, up 10.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 578.3 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,526	24,993	6.1 %	27,564	-3.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,202	1,131	6.3	1,262	-4.8
Metallic Ores	26,343	23,572	11.8	22,919	14.9
Coal	132,052	111,681	18.2	120,711	9.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,346	17,332	.1	16,758	3.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,709	10,198	-4.8	9,133	6.3
Grain Mill Products	9,918	9,804	1.2	9,906	.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,608	8,740	-1.5	8,691	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	10,207	10,193	.1	10,350	-1.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,367	7,161	-11.1	5,619	13.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,399	10,701	-2.8	10,798	-3.7
Chemicals	27,634	27,394	.9	26,819	3.0
Petroleum Products	5,585	5,167	8.1	5,465	2.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,119	10,629	-4.8	10,529	-3.9
Coke	5,691	5,537	2.8	5,544	2.7
Metals & Products	9,645	9,477	1.8	9,435	2.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	15,169	12,858	18.0	12,112	25.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,447	8,436	.1	8,283	2.0
All Other Carloads	6,329	7,172	-11.8	6,324	.1
Total	347,296	322,176	7.8 %	328,222	5.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 29 WEEKS ENDING JULY 21, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	347,296	322,176	7.8 %	9,789,469	9,655,944	1.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,080	65,153	1.4	1,893,397	1,892,911	.0
Containers	52,639	48,245	9.1	1,470,336	1,350,253	8.9
Total	118,719	113,398	4.7	3,363,733	3,243,164	3.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	18.7	10.7 %	578.3	554.3	4.3 %